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# BILL

For empowering His Majesty, for a Time and to an Extent to be limited, to accept of the Services of such Parts of His Militia Forces in IRELAND as may voluntarily offer themselves to be employed in GREAT BRITAIN.

Note.—*The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios in the written Copy.*

1 WHEREAS divers of His Majesty's Militia Regiments in IRELAND, in order to evince their ardent and affectionate Zeal for His Majesty's Service, and for the general Interests and Security of the United Kingdom, have, by their Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Privates, voluntarily offered their Services to be employed in *Great Britain:* Preamble.

And whereas it may materially conduce to the general Interests and Security of the United Kingdom, that His Majesty should be enabled to avail himself of this distinguished Proof of the Attachment and public Spirit of His Militia Forces of Ireland;

Be it therefore Enacted, by the KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords

45. Spiritual

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Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That ſo much of any Act or Acts relating to the Militia of Ireland, or of any other Act or Acts now in force in Ireland, as prohibits the carrying out of Ireland the Militia Forces thereof, ſhall, during the Continuance of this Act, be ſuſpended, in ſo far only as may relate to any Part of the ſaid Forces, not exceeding in the Whole Men, whom His Majeſty may think proper to permit to ſerve in Great Britain, in conſequence of ſuch voluntary Offer as may have been, or during the Continuance of this Act ſhall be made by any Men now enrolled, or hereafter to be enrolled in the ſaid Militia to that Effect, and duly certified by their Commanding Officers: Provided always, That previous to certifying ſuch Offer, ſuch Commanding Officer ſhall have explained to the Perſons making the ſame, that the ſame, if made, is purely voluntary on their Parts, and that no Perſon ſerving in the Militia of Ireland can be compelled to make ſuch Offer, or to engage to ſerve out of Ireland, except by his own Conſent ſo ſignified: Provided alſo, that no County, City, Town, or Place in Ireland, ſhall, during the Continuance of this Act, be drawn to fill any Vacancy ariſing from the Death, Deſertion, or Diſcharge of any ſuch Non-commiſſioned Officer, Drummer, or Soldier, belonging to ſuch Militia Forces, whilſt ſerving out of Ireland.

So much of any Act or Acts as prohibits the carrying Iriſh Militia out of Ireland, ſhall be ſuſpended, ſo far as

Men, who may go voluntarily.

Commanding Officers to explain to Men that they cannot be compelled to make ſuch Offer.

No Drawing to fill up Vacancies whilſt ſerving out of Ireland.

And be it further Enacted, That this Act ſhall continue until and may be altered or repealed in this Seſſion of Parliament.

Continuance of Act.

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